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1630-CAGWU

25 June 1952

SUBJECT: Willow Team Operational Plan and Briefing - Sham/BGFiend

TO: Chief, DYCluck  
Washington, D.C.

INFO: Chief, DYCluck

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1. After innumerable changes in the team composition due to personality conflicts and disagreements among its members and a last-minute change brought about by prior arrangements concerning Identity (1), Willow Team was finally dispatched to the Northern LCFlake frontier on 12 June to await a favorable opportunity for infiltration to KMWaahooland.

2. Team Composition:

RNOdain - Leader  
Identities 2, 3, (4 - Guide).

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3. Mission

a. To establish an intelligence network and dead letter box chain in the regions of Identities 5 and 6 with a base at Identity 7 which lies between the two regions.

b. To contact one or two trusted friends who would undertake to work as guides for the infiltration of future teams.

c. To locate a safe area in which a permanent W/T base could be established at a later date.

d. To determine and report the results of BGBegood and BGFlume leaflet drops.

e. To exfiltrate after accomplishing the above and later to re-enter Waahooland at from 6 to 8 week intervals in order to bring out material collected through the intelligence network and deposited at the so-called dead letter box.

4. Briefing the Team

Briefing was conducted in the usual manner employed by BGFiend. The general briefing dealt with the situation within the country, controls, permanent border fortification, security patrols and friendly contacts. The final briefing which was given with Attachment #1 was then given with special emphasis on security and the procurement of documents. A code

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name was given the team members to be used for exfiltration and a special code name to be used for other than the team members whom they might wish to send out for future use.

## 5. Training

Due to the nature of this mission, no special training was given. The team received instruction in the firing of their weapons, map reading and familiarization with HTRegale coordinate system, First Aid, use of concentrated rations and a general review of the type of intelligence we are particularly interested in having them collect. Survival problems and daily marches overland in mountainous area carrying field equipment were carried out.

## 6. Remarks:

a. At the last minute it was necessary to withdraw Identity 8 from the team due to a last-minute agreement between [ ] office. The LCFlake Services were infiltrating a team at the same time and were employing the only guide available for this area. As the two teams together would have resulted in too large a group, it was decided that each team should withdraw one man; our other alternative being to hold Willow until such a time that the guide, Identity 4, would return from Theydon's mission. This might have resulted in a delay of from six to eight weeks.

b. Proposed Infiltration Route: Enter at HTRegale - Nan 2544 to Mike 2956 to Mike 2519, to Love 2377, to Love 2271 to Love 2285.

c. Although Willow Team was not of as high a calibre as the Apple members we feel that they are perhaps the second best we have had to date and have been impressed by their determination and will to carry out the orders given them in the name of the HTNeigh. The leader has had a great deal of experience in border crossing and operating within the country while working for [ ] office in the past. He withdrew from the LCFlake Services on the formation of the HTNeigh and is one of its staunches supporters.

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## Attachments (s.c.)

1. Briefing
2. Identities
3. A,B,C - Inf. on [ ]
4. Bio. Inf. on above

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## FINAL BRIEFING OF WILLOW TEAM

It is imperative at this time to review what cooperation means in such an undertaking. You have been fully aware from the start of the importance attached to your mission and what is expected of you. I cannot stress too greatly the importance of security. Your lives depend upon one another and by keeping this thought in mind you will conduct yourselves accordingly.

Do not act in any manner which will bring hatred by the people toward the N.C.F.A. "Fighters for Freedom". You will be supplied with money which is to be used to pay for any food or assistance which you may need. The population is very poor and oftentimes will be unable to supply you your needs. When assistance is given, you should if possible pay for that assistance or at least make an attempt to do so.

Mission:

The first phase of your mission is to establish "dead letter" drops within the country. It is through this "mail box" system that you will be able to provide us with the information we desire. Your job of gathering information is extremely important, but you must keep in mind that to do a good job of gathering information, this information must be brought out to be evaluated for future use.

Security:

You should be on your guard at all times. Never accept anyone on his word only; actions should be carefully noted. When asking for food, be careful to insure that the food has not been drugged. Water especially can be easily contaminated, therefore you should be certain that the person giving you the water also drinks. (This can be done without causing suspicion by proposing a toast to his health, etc. which is common in your country).

While traveling you should bear in mind that the longest distance (over mountains) will be much safer than main roads. Avoid, at all costs, making contact with government troops, and unless you are forced to do so, do not open fire with your weapons. It is more possible that pursuit will not be as intensified if you act in this manner. (Previous experience has proven this to be so).

You have received your general briefing. From the information given you, you should be aware of the type of information we desire:

- a. All local news of Communist activity in your area.
- b. The news of Party and Front organizations, their leaders and agents.
- c. Troop locations and installations.

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d. Any political activity - espionage, sabotage or purges within the Party.

e. Information regarding airfields, their location, size, number of planes based at field and type of plane.

f. At the present time, Radio Free Albania exists. Keep us informed as to what effect it has upon the population.

g. Newspapers, leaflets or other printed material that is in circulation should be brought out.

h. In addition to the above, we are extremely interested in families of documents. We have a bounty system on such material for which you will be paid additional sums depending on the document acquired. In other words, we desire all documents that are needed by one individual in his daily life: I.D. card, work permit, ration card, Service Book, Front card, registration certificates of any type, various denominations of Leks, and stamps required on various documents.

i. Changes in government in the local administration or the Communist Party and the reaction of the people, strifes and purges within the Communist Party, acts of sabotage, concrete cases of severe crimes and brutal acts committed by the Communists, arrests and confinements with details - who, where, why, and what was the outcome, trials, murders and executions, Privileges and leisures enjoyed by the Communist Party members, names of informers, information on the Soviets and other foreigners in Albania, activities of resistance groups in your area, information on the Army - such as strength of units, names of commanders, locations of fortifications and military dumps, types and makes of heavy and light armament, activity of the Society for Aid to the Army and Defense, information on the organization and movements of the pursuit detachments of the Sigurimi.

#### Area Briefing

You have been given a general briefing on the existing situation within your country - you have been told which areas are strongly guarded, where guard posts exist, troop concentrations, who the known Communists are and friendly contacts in your area.

Due to the nature of your mission and the experience possessed by your leader, it is well that you once again remember that your team leader is to be Identity (1).

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Attach #2 to 1630-CAGWU (s.c.)

Identities to 1630-CAGWU are:

1. Skender BLACA
2. Kadri PETRITE
3. Xhemal HOXHA
4. Hysen KAPPLANE
- ✓ 5. Korca
- ✓ 6. Pogradec
- ✓ 7. Goce
8. Ihma SULOLLI

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SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. #3-A to 1630-CAGWU

ID Card

Q 364445

26143

Dated

20-X-47

Pseudo: Hasana j Bardhul  
Team : Willow Tree  
Code : Willow  
Area : Korca-Pogradec

Information on Leter Njoftim

Father's Name: Bardhul  
Mother's Name: Zenele  
Date of Birth: 1925  
Place of Birth: Butka  
Civil Status: Single  
Residence: Butka  
Street No.: --  
Perfecture: Korca  
Religion: Moslem  
Leading Profession: Barber  
Present Profession: Barber  
Military Service: None  
Wife's Name: (does not apply)  
Date of Birth: --  
Number of Children: --

Height: 1.74  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Identifying Features: None

Civil Issuing Office: Tirana

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Attach. #3-B to 1630-CAGWU

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ID Card Q 364523  
26236  
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Dated 7-II-48

Pseudo: Chereb Hysen  
Team : Willow Tree  
Code : Willow  
Area : Korca-Pogradec

## Information on Leter Njoftim

Father's Name: Hysen  
Mother's Name: Anife  
Date of Birth: 1901  
Place of Birth: Strelse  
Civil Status : Single  
Residence: Strelse  
Street No.: --  
Prefecture: Korce  
Religion: Moslem  
Leading Profession: Farmer  
Present Profession: Farmer  
Wife's Name: (does not apply)  
Date of Birth: --  
Number of Children: --

Height: 1.72  
Eyes : Hazel  
Hair : Brown  
Identifying Features: None

Civil Issuing Office: Tirana

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SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. #3-C to 1630-CAGWU

ID CARD

Q364513

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Dated

10-II-48

Pseudo: Banush Yanus  
Team : Willow Tree  
Code : Willow  
Area : Korca-Pogradec

Information on Leter Njoftim

Father's Name: Yanus  
Mother's Name: Hanifa  
Date of Birth: 1903  
Place of Birth: Doberchan  
Civil Status: Single  
Residence: Doberchan  
Street No.: --  
Prefecture: Korca  
Religion: Moslem  
Leading Profession: Farmer  
Present Profession: Farmer  
Wife's Name: (does not apply)  
Date of Birth: --  
Number of Children: --

Height: 1.65  
Eyes : Blue-Grey  
Hair : Brown  
Identifying Features: None

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Attach. #4-a to 1630-CAGWU

True Biographic Information

Name: Skender Blaca  
Date of Birth: 1924  
Place of Birth: Pogradec  
Father's Name: Halit  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Place of Birth: Pogradec  
Mother's Name: Luze  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Place of Birth: Moker  
Leading Profession: Barber  
Present Profession: Barber  
Religion: Moslem  
Place of Residence: Progradec  
Present Address: Greece  
  
Education: None  
Languages: Albanian and Greek

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True Biographic Information

Name: Xhemal Hoxha  
Date of Birth: 1917  
Place of Birth: Tresove  
Father's Name: Ismail  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Place of Birth: Tresove  
Mother's Name: Zyrja  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Place of Birth: Desmire  
Leading Profession: Farmer  
Present Profession: Farmer  
Religion: Moslem  
Place of Residence: --  
Present Place of Residence: Greece

Education: Elementary School  
Languages: Albanian, Italian and some Greek

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True Biographic Information

Name: Kadri Petrite  
Date of Birth: 1907  
Place of Birth: Shkoze  
Father's Name: Hazhi  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Place of Birth: Shkoze  
Mother's Name: Bekushan  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Place of Birth: Krushove  
Leading Profession: Farmer  
Present Profession: Farmer  
Religion: Moslem  
Place of Residence: Shkoze  
Present Address: Greece  
  
Education: Elementary School  
Languages: Albanian

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